

Richard H. Kinley



Kinley, Richard H., 68, of Maders Cove Lunenburg County passed peacefully surrounded by his loved ones at his home. Born in Halifax, NS, Richard was the cherished son of Dr. Cecile E. and Beatrice Kinley. For more than 30 years Richard served the people of Alberta, Nova Scotia and the NWT as a respected and much loved surgeon.

His caring presence in these communities will be profoundly missed by many people. Richard's remarkable work ethic, personal strength, passion for family and the love of the outdoors were inspirational to all who knew him.

Following his elementary and high school in the Halifax Public School system, in his early years he was a member of the Junior Bengal Lancers. Richard went to study at Dalhousie University graduating in 1965, obtaining his MD degree, receiving distinctions in Psychiatry and Surgery. Richard was president of the Liberal Party at Dalhousie and an accomplished performer. Richard went on to do post-graduate studies in surgery at the University of Manitoba obtaining his Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons.

As a General Surgeon Richard was by necessity a physician with many skills. He had an exceptional gift for working with patients and their families dealing with cancer. Among the many positions he held in his remarkable career, were Chief of Staff in Calgary for Rockyview, Colonel Belcher, and Holy Cross Hospitals, Chief of Surgery at SSRH and Fisherman's Memorial Hospital and Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, NWT. Richard was designated as the Surgeon to the Queen during her Royal Visit to the NWT. At the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital and with his

peers they developed the new infrastructure for the delivery of health care in Canada's North.

Richard was also invited to Bethesda, Maryland to lend his expertise to the formation of the US, Canadian Breast Screening Guidelines.

Outside of his career Richard was passionate about music, tennis, skiing and after retirement went on to teach navigation courses for the Canadian Power Squadron at the Fisheries Museum.

Left to mourn Richard are his devoted wife Vera of more than 20 years; his adored children David, Susan, Christopher, Sean and Dana, daughter-in-law, Stefanie, sons-in-law Michael and Andre; grandchildren Brittany, Cameron, Connor, Victoria, Keely, Nicole, Sarah, Brennan, Cailin, Ella; sister Evelyn Brown, brother Dr. Ed Kinley, both of Halifax; their Honours James and Grace Kinley who lead a large devoted group of children, grandchildren, cousins and nieces and nephews who played a major role in the fulfillment of Richard's life.

Vera and his children will most fondly remember Richard sitting in his chair overlooking the ocean knowing how peaceful and tranquil Nova Scotia made him feel.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Dr. E.C Kinley Lectureship Fund c/o of External Relation, Dalhousie University or the charity of your choice through www.sweenyfuneralhome.ca

A Committal Service was held for Richard at the Hillcrest Cemetery Friday, September 22, 2006 with family members present.